

# 'Cow Pasture Folly' Puts Sewer in Wilderness at Cost of \$300,000 in Taxes

Charles T. Ringrose Driven Out of County  
When Improvements Raises Factory  
Levies from \$240 to \$1,300

*Following is the third article in a series analyzing the tax situation and presenting possible remedies:*

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For 30 years Charles T. Ringrose operated a horseradish manufacturing plant on lots adjoining his home on Benjamin street and Eighteenth avenue NE.

One day in 1930, despite his protests, an elaborate system of street, water, sewer and other improvements was ordered in his neighborhood. The projects in the area affected totaled more than \$300,000 in cost. In the area, which covered 28 or 30 blocks, only a few families lived and most of it was waste land.